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THIRD CHRISTMAS OF EUROPEAN WAR

Finds the Belligerent Forces Still Well Entrenched and Using Their Artillery Wings

TEUTONS HAMMERING ENEMY IN DOBRUDJA

The Town of Isakische, on the East Bank of the Danube, Opposite Braila, Has Been Captured by the Invaders—In the Carpathians the Russians Have Captured Several Austro-German Positions, and Farther South, Near the Transylvania-Rumania Frontier, Have Taken a Ridge From Them.

The forces of the Teutonic allies in the Dobrudja region of Rumania are still hammering hard through the Russian and Rumanian lines in the north. The town of Isakische, on the east bank of the Danube opposite Braila, has been captured by the invaders, who also are keeping up their operations in the region of Tulchea, seeking to make secure the bridge for operations against southern Bessarabia. The northern bank of the Danube is being vigorously shelled from this latter sector by the artillery of the central powers.

In Galicia and up in the Carpathian Mountains considerable activity still prevails, with the Russians the aggressors. In the Carpathians the Russians have captured several Austro-German positions and farther south near the Transylvania-Rumania frontier, have taken a ridge from them. The third Christmas of the war, except in Rumania, finds the belligerent forces still well entrenched and using their artillery wings as the chief method of warfare. Only small infantry engagements are reported from any of the fronts.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S NOTE

TOPIC IN PARIS PAPERS Stress Laid on Its Appearance Coincident With Germany's Offer.

Paris, Saturday, Dec. 23, 3.35 p. m.—President Wilson's note is still the principal topic in the press, stress being laid in the comment on its coincidence with the period of deliberation by the allies on Germany's offer to negotiate. Most of the editorial writers insist also upon the president's established by Secretary of State Seward of President Lincoln's cabinet, in rejecting the intervention of Napoleon III, during the American Civil war. The Journal Des Debats publishes in its entirety Secretary Seward's despatch to the French foreign minister on February 8, 1863, in reflection of the French offer of mediation between the north and the south. "The eminent jurist," says La Liberté, "is ignorant of nothing in precedents. President Wilson certainly has not forgotten President Lincoln's reply to the overture by France to terminate the war of secession. President Wilson cannot expect any other reply from France than the same time ago."

SINGERS TROOPED THROUGH THE STREETS OF BOSTON

On the Common a Giant Christmas Tree Was Brilliantly Lighted.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Bands of singers trooped through the streets tonight singing "Peace on earth, good will to men." On Beacon Hill and in the suburbs, in accordance with an old custom, the musicians were greeted with the glow of innumerable candles with which the residents marked the arrival of Christmas Eve. Thousands of cases of coal in half ton lots were left by the city, and the singing of the more familiar hymns. On the Common, a great Christmas tree was brilliantly lighted, while in the Parkman Memorial band stand nearby there was carol singing and a concert. Mayor Curley, in a brief address to the throng about the tree urged them to remember in the midst of their own gladness and plenty the sufferings of war-torn Europe and to pray that another Christmas might not come without peace.

Rarely before at the Christmas season has the thought of the streets tonight so abundantly through the medium not only of the usual charitable organizations, but through scores of individuals and community committees. In some districts patrolmen took the names of the neediest families and at each of these houses a basket of provisions was left through the generosity of a citizen whose identity is known only to high officials of the police department. For some of the neediest cases coal in half ton lots was left today by order of the same unnamed benefactor. The idea of the community Christmas tree was followed on a larger scale than ever before in suburban towns and cities.

MEXICAN BANDITS ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP A TRAIN

Removed a Rail — Engineer and Fireman Crushed to Death.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 24.—Rumors reaching Eagle Pass yesterday that the Comancha Hotel at Saltillo had been dynamited, resulted in the killing of many Carranza officers were denied by passengers reaching the town here tonight from Saltillo. They reported Saltillo quiet when they left yesterday. Bandits' attempts to blow up a train at Comancha, Saltillo, on Sunday afternoon 21 failed, according to passengers arriving tonight from interior Mexico. Yesterday's report that many persons had been killed was declared untrue. The outlaws, it was stated tonight, removed a rail from the track, derailing the train and killing the engineer and fireman and crushing to death, but Constitutional troops on the train succeeded in routing the bandits without further loss of life.

MAD DOG IN THE STREETS OF NAUGATUCK

Bit Two Children and Two Other Dogs Before It Was Shot.

Naugatuck, Conn., Dec. 24.—A dog believed to be mad, ran wildly here tonight and bit two children and two dogs before it was shot. Theresa Coffey, aged 12, was severely bitten in the forearm and a boy was slightly scratched by the animal's teeth. The dog was seen by the police and chased through the streets for some time before they killed it. The other dogs bitten were also shot. The animal's head was sent to a state laboratory at Middletown to determine if it had the rabies.

A NEW HAVEN MAN SUCCEUMS TO ANTHRAX

Elmer W. Griswold, a Former Member of the General Assembly.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 24.—Elmer W. Griswold, president of the New Haven Brush company and a former member of the Connecticut general assembly, died in a hospital here today of anthrax after a brief illness. He injured a finger while at work in his factory on Friday and physicians believed that the disease, which rarely attacks human beings, was communicated to the wound from an infected bristle of a hair brush. Mr. Griswold was 55 years old and is survived by his wife and three children.

Cabled Paragraphs

Holland to Supply Germany. London, Dec. 24, 6.17 p. m.—Holland and Germany have signed a treaty providing for a supply to the latter of eggs, milk and fruit, says a Central News despatch from Amsterdam today.

NO PEACE WHILE ENEMY IS ON FRENCH SOIL

Decision Was Reached by Unanimous Vote of French Senate.

Paris, Dec. 24, 5.50 p. m.—The unanimous vote of the senate affirming that France cannot conclude peace with an enemy who occupies French territory, coming at the same time as the peace of the Swiss government, has stirred anew the French press and public. The action of the senate gave further indication of the attitude of the allies toward President Wilson's proposal, while confidence votes in the Briand ministry was regarded most favorably. The foreign affairs committee of the chamber devoted a large part of the session yesterday to an examination of President Wilson's note.

The Petit Parisien says that President Wilson, in sending the note knew he would have the support of Switzerland and says: "France honors its neighbor, menaced like Belgium perhaps, but France, which did not want war, knows that there are suggestions that honor and interest prevent it from hearing."

The Petit Parisien says that the Swiss note confirms one of the declarations of President Wilson, referring to discussions engaged in these weeks ago between Bern and Washington. It adds "the note deserves the same courteous examination and reserve. France will not forget the treatment by the Swiss of the interned and expatriated people but has a right to recall that as to the war the entire allies cannot be based on the same footing as the central powers."

COMMANDER OF EMDEN TRANSFERRED TO ENGLAND

Had Been Held at Malta Since Destruction of German Raider.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—An Overseas News Agency despatch today states that according to private reports from Switzerland Captain Karl von Mueller, commander of the German cruiser, Emden, destroyed by the Australian cruiser Sydney, was taken prisoner and has been transferred from Malta to England. Complaint is made over the conditions of the removal and as to the treatment of the officer in a prisoners' camp said to be located in Derby.

So far as is known, no word as to Captain von Mueller having been a prisoner in Malta, has reached this country. At the last reports which, however, were as long ago as April, 1915, Captain von Mueller was in England, where he had been taken late in the preceding year.

VATICAN OFFICIAL ORGAN ON WILSON'S NOTE

Expresses Full Satisfaction For This "Very Important Document."

Rome, Dec. 24.—The Observatore Romano, the official organ of the Vatican, in reference to Wilson's note to the belligerents, says it wishes to express full satisfaction for this "very important document" by the authoritative voice of the great American republic calls the warring parties to "consider their grave responsibilities," and advises means to hasten the end of the war. It states that Pope Benedict also made virtually the same attempt in July, 1915. The newspaper closes its comment by expressing the hope that the note will be favorably received.

Pope Benedict expressed the hope that it would have a beneficial effect, despite its coincidence with Germany's proposal of peace which was just pointed out, it must not be connected.

TO PAY STOCKHOLDERS OF CONNECTICUT RIVER RAILROAD

Semi-Annual Dividend of 5 Per Cent. Due Them For Rental.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Judge Morton in the federal court has instructed President James H. Hustis as temporary receiver of the Boston and Maine railroad to pay direct to the stockholders of the Connecticut River railroad, of which he is also temporary receiver, the semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent, due them as rental under the lease to the Boston and Maine. The amount involved is approximately \$25,000. There was no question as to the authority of the receiver to pay the money, it was stated, but Mr. Hustis had been asked to put it into his own account as receiver for the Connecticut road.

WHITEHALL GARDENS HAVE BEEN COMMANDEERED.

One of the Most Pleasant Breathing Spots in London.

London, Dec. 24.—One of the most pleasant breathing spots in busy London, known as the Whitehall Gardens, situated in front of the National Liberal club on the Thames embankment, has been commandeered by the government and is being transformed by an army of workmen into large annexes to government offices close by. The statues of Outram, Balfour and William Tyndale, the first translator of the New Testament, which adorn the gardens will be covered to protect them until the place is restored after the war.

NANTUCKET SHOALS LIGHTSHIP TORN FROM HER ANCHORAGE.

Cast Adrift in a Gale Blowing 75 Miles an Hour Friday Night.

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 24.—Nantucket shoals was unmarked by any aid to navigation today. The lightship which acts as a guide at that isolated and important station was torn from her anchorage by a gale blowing 75 miles an hour Friday night and cast adrift. Under her own low power the lightship reported by wireless today that she was proceeding to Woods Hole to obtain 150 fathoms of chain to replace that lost in the storm.

Movements of Steamships.

New York, Dec. 24.—Arrived: steamers Tuscan Prince, Vladivostok; Sosus, Porto Colombia; Thorvald Halvorsen. Cotte; Iseldyk, Rotterdam.

4 Persons Killed at Grade Crossing

ON NEW HAVEN ROAD NEAR TARIFFVILLE

WERE INSTANTLY KILLED

Party Had Been Attending a Christening and Were Returning Home When Their Carriage Was Struck by a Freight Train.

Tariffville, Conn., Dec. 24.—Four people were killed instantly tonight when a southbound freight train on the Northampton division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad struck the carriage which they were riding at an unprotected grade crossing at Floydville, near here. The

Xmas to be Merry in New York City

"TREE OF LIGHT" IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

CHEER FOR CITY'S POOR

Chorus of 1,000 Voices Sang Carols—Police Stations Storehouses for Gifts—Prayers for Peace at Midnight Masses in R. C. Churches.

New York, Dec. 24.—When the great "tree of light" flashed into life in Madison Square Garden at 6 o'clock tonight, the official celebration of Christmas was begun in New York. Trumpet calls to the four corners of the square by trumpeters in white and gold were answered by an Indian chant and

A FRIEND'S CHRISTMAS GREETING

I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me, I'd like to be the help that you've been always glad to be, I'd like to mean as much to you each minute of the day As you have meant, old friend of mine, to me along the way.

I'd like to do the big things and the splendid things for you, To brush the gray from out your skies and leave them only blue; I'd like to say the kind things that I so oft have heard And feel that I could rouse your soul the way that mine you've stirred.

I'd like to give you back the joy that you have given me, Yet that were wishing you a need I hope will never be; I'd like to make you feel as rich as I, who travel on Undaunted in the darkest hours with you to lean upon.

I'm wishing at this Christmas time that I could but repay A portion of the gladness that you've strewn along my way. And could I have one wish this year, this only would it be: I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me.

—DETROIT FREE PRESS

dead are: Joseph Sinkiezie, aged 45; his wife, Margaret, aged 40, both of this place; Mrs. Mary Savage, aged 50, and Charles Shattam, aged 35, both of Floydville.

Party Had Attended a Christening.

The party had been attending a christening near here and were returning home when the accident occurred. View of the crossing is obstructed by buildings of a tobacco plantation.

Freight Making Fast Time.

The freight train was drawn by two engines and was making fast time. Engineer W. F. Sullivan of the first locomotive sounded his whistle as the train approached the crossing according to several persons but apparently the party in the carriage did not hear the warning. The wagon was just half across the tracks when the crash came.

Caught on the Pilot.

Mrs. Sinkiezie was caught on the pilot of the engine and carried some distance. The others were tossed beside the tracks their skulls were fractured and they were otherwise hurt. The horse was freed from the wagon and ran away.

Sinkiezie had recently opened a grocery store here. Mrs. Savage and Shattam were employed as the tobacco plantation. Deputy Coroner Irwin of East Granby conducted a preliminary investigation.

The freight train was stopped as soon as possible and the crew picked up the bodies.

WILSON'S NOTE DELIVERED TO JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

Its Contents Has Aroused Unusual Interest There.

Tokio, Japan, Saturday, Dec. 23, 9.15 p. m.—President Wilson's note to the belligerents was delivered to the Japanese government. The note has aroused extraordinary interest. The general view of it taken by the press is that while it is not connected with the German peace proposal, it is not unreasonable to suppose the two may eventually be joined and lead to peace negotiations. The prediction is voiced that Japan and her allies will reply to President Wilson in the spirit of his idea, but it is commented that they entered the war "in the robe of peace," and that the efforts to "overthrow German militarism" are based upon a desire to solidify permanent world peace.

BARGE ALBANY INSIDE POINT JUDITH BREAKWATER.

Was Torn Loose From Tug in Storm of Friday Night.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 24.—Anxiety over the whereabouts of the barge Albany, which was torn loose from the tug John G. Chandler and set adrift on Friday night, was relieved yesterday when the identification of a barge at refuge inside the Point Judith breakwater as the Albany. Those aboard made no signals for assistance and it was believed the Albany were awaited the reappearance of the tug to resume the voyage from Boston to Undercliffe, N. J.

Col. Frederick N. Lawrence.

New York, Dec. 24.—Colonel Frederick Newbold Lawrence, once president of the Union League club and president of the New York Stock Exchange, died here today in his 83d year.

Condensed Telegrams

The Sub-Treasury transferred \$200,000 to New Orleans.

The French liner La Touraine arrived at New York from Bordeaux.

James J. O'Kelly, Nationalist member of the House of Commons, is dead.

Charles E. Hughes carried Oregon by a plurality of 7,514 over President Wilson.

Exports of copper from Atlantic ports for the week ended Dec. 31 totaled 8,708 tons.

The Union Pacific's Christmas gift of \$150,000 was divided among 20,000 employees.

Ora Elmer Butterfield, general solicitor of the New York Central Railroad Co., is dead.

The Stamford Rolling Mills Co. of New York increased its capital from \$2,355,000 to \$5,835,000.

The United States foreign trade this year probably will reach a total of \$7,330,000.

Sixteen persons were injured when a Blue Ridge train was wrecked near Pendleton, N. C.

A serious wreck was reported on the Burlington at the Union Pacific crossing at Yutan, Neb.

A bonus of \$25,000 was given to the 2,000 employees of the Jeanesville Iron Works at Hazleton, Pa.

The Senate confirmed the appointment of Francis O. Driscoll to be postmaster at Staten Island, N. Y.

Fire destroyed the seven-story building occupied by the Atlantic Tea Co. at St. Louis at a loss of \$400,000.

President Wilson sent to the Senate the nominations of the five members to compose the United States shipping board.

The Christmas cheer of John D. Rockefeller to his employees on his estate is in the form of new ten dollar gold pieces.

One hundred and twenty-two convicts in the New Jersey state prison were granted paroles by the Court of Pardons.

Dr. Heilo Lobo, who is to be Harvard University's new professor of diplomacy, has been on New York from Rio Janeiro.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad has placed in order with the Baldwin Locomotive Works for 40 locomotives, valued at \$3,200,000.

A deficiency appropriation of \$28,400,000 for the army because of Mexican border service, was submitted to the House by Secretary Baker.

The French Chamber of Deputies has approved a batch of new taxes, among them a graduated tax on theatre and vaudeville tickets.

Members of the Second Field Hospital Guard returned to their home station after being on the Mexican border since July.

State Tax Appraiser Chas. Sweeney filed reports with the Kansas State Auditor, meat packer, left an estate appraised at \$1,729,021.

Private John Matchetts of Virginia, killed and killed by Private James McAnable of Springfield, Mo. during a dispute over a dollar.

The Federal Reserve Board heard a petition of business men of Louisville, Ky., for the establishment there of a branch of the reserve bank of St. Louis.

A verdict against the Erie Railroad Co. for \$150,000 was returned in the Sussex County Court at New Jersey in favor of the Gumaard Lead & Slate Co.

Hearings will be held immediately after the Christmas recess on Representative Stenerson's bill providing for the free importation of wheat for seed purposes.

At least five persons are believed to have lost their lives in a fire that destroyed the main building of the Kansas Masonic Home at Wichita, Kan., at a loss of \$250,000.

The American Chamber of Commerce in London has been organized for the purpose of furthering business relations between the United States and the United Kingdom.

The Montreal Trades and Labor Council has adopted a resolution urging the American Chamber of Commerce to protest to President Wilson against the deportation of Belgians.

Raymond McCune of New York and Charles E. Miller of Delaware, were found guilty in the Federal Court at Wilmington, on charges of using the mails to promote a scheme to defraud.

The Humphrey flood control bill carrying an appropriation of \$50,000,000 for flood prevention along the Mississippi and Sacramento rivers, was reported to the Senate without amendment.

Proposed increase of about 5 per cent in freight rates on lumber from Chicago, St. Louis and other points to Montana destinations were disapproved by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Representative Daniel J. Rioridan of New York, assured Robert N. Harper, chairman of the inauguration committee that Tammany would participate in the inauguration at Washington on March 5.

France, as well as Great Britain, has instructed her navy to commandeer to give unhindered passage through the blockade lines to Count Tarnowski, the newly appointed Ambassador to the United States from Austria-Hungary.

Capt. W. C. Matt, of the Richmond Fire Department, was killed, and two other firemen were seriously injured by falling from a ladder while fighting a fire which destroyed the Imperial Coffee Co.'s warehouse at Richmond, Va.

Breckinridge Long of St. Louis, probably will be nominated by President Wilson as assistant secretary of state to succeed John E. Osborne of Wyoming, who recently resigned. Mr. Long is a lawyer and has taken a prominent part in politics as a democrat.

Switzerland Glad to Support Wilson

HAS SO INFORMED THE BELLIGERENT NATIONS

TO ACT IN ANY WAY

Note States That "The Most Meritorious Personal Initiative of President Wilson Will Find a Mighty Echo in Switzerland."

Washington, Dec. 24.—Switzerland in a note to all belligerent powers announced its support of President Wilson's appeal for a discussion of the peace terms, saying "it would consider itself happy if it could act in any, no matter how modest a way, for the rapprochement of the peoples now engaged in the struggle and for a lasting peace."

Note Sent to Belligerents.

The note was sent to the belligerents yesterday by the Swiss federal council and Dr. Paul Ritter, minister of Switzerland, here, presented a copy to the state department. Secretary Lansing made it public tonight.

"The president of the United States of America, with whom the Swiss federal council, guided by its warm desire that the hostilities may soon come to an end, has, for a considerable time, been in touch, had the kindness to apprise the federal council of the peace note sent to the governments of the central powers in Switzerland and thus the great desirability of international agreement for the purpose of avoiding more costly and permanent catastrophes such as the one under which the peoples are suffering today. In this connection he has particularly stressed the necessity for bringing about the end of the present war. Without making peace proposals himself or offering mediation, he confines himself to the consideration as to whether mankind may hope for an approach of the haven of peace."

A Meritorious Initiative.

"The most meritorious personal initiative of President Wilson will find a mighty echo in Switzerland. It is the obligations arising from observing the strictest neutrality, united by the same friendship with the states of both warring groups of powers, that our country is filled with a deep longing for peace and ready to assist by its small means to stop the endless suffering caused by the war and brought before its eyes by daily contact with the interned, the severely wounded and those expelled and to establish the foundations for a beneficial co-operation of the peoples."

Gladly Supports President Wilson.

"The Swiss federal council is therefore glad to seize the opportunity to support the efforts of the president of the United States to bring about a happy if it could act in any, no matter how modest a way, for the rapprochement of the peoples now engaged in the struggle and for reaching a lasting peace."

OTHER NEUTRAL NATIONS TO SEND PEACE NOTES

They Are Expected to Be Issued in the Course of the Week.

Amsterdam, Dec. 24, via London, 9.11 p. m.—Announcing that the Swiss minister at Berlin is about to present Switzerland's peace note to the imperial German chancellor, the Vossische Zeitung, says that peace notes from other neutral countries are expected in the course of the week.

BELGIAN TANK SHIP RIDES OUT STORM IN SAFETY

Had Been in a Dangerous Position 20 Yards Off Sober Island.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 24.—The Belgian motor tank ship Emanuel Nobel which was in a dangerous position 20 yards off Sober Island, where the fifty mile gale of yesterday and last night rode out the storm in safety. At sunrise today the watchers on shore saw that the ship's anchors all held and fears for her situation were relieved when the wind shifted and died down gradually to a light breeze. Her engines are disabled and tugs have been sent to try to bring her into this port. The Nobel is bound from Rouen, France, for Newport News, Va., into St. John's, N. F., early in the month for engine repairs.

So critical was the situation of the motor ship last night that lines were thrown ashore from her and breeches buoy were in readiness to take the crew off in case the vessel brought up on the rocks. All night fishermen kept great fires burning on the beach to encourage the sailors and to furnish light for life saving operations in case of need.

GERMANY INTENDS TO RESTORE RUSSIAN BALTIC PROVINCES

But Will Never Allow Russia to Possess Constantinople.

London, Dec. 24, 9.05 p. m.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says: "Prefacing an evidently inspired leading editorial with the statement that Germany does not desire to create a feeling of revenge in Russia which would lead to a new war, the Cologne Gazette declares that Germany intends to restore the Russian Baltic provinces but that Russia must recognize that the new situation created in Poland cannot be changed. The paper argues that in taking Poland, Germany was really rendering a service to Russia and that Poland, Russia will form a united and homogeneous empire."

"Germany will never allow Russia to possess Constantinople, according to the paper, but is ready to negotiate with Turkey and Russia an arrangement permitting Russian warships and merchantmen to navigate the straits."

Dwight F. Thrall.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 24.—Dwight F. Thrall, one of the organizers of the Connecticut Humane Society and for many years its state agent, died at his home here today in his 73rd year. He had been in ill health for some time.